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CARNIVAL AND SCALPER.

Houston is, as usual, getting ready for the fall fair. It is necessary for the city people on the bayou to get up something of this kind each year in order that the people may be brought to do their shopping and incidentally to leave their hard earned savings in the city which feels that it is such a metropolis. The scheme is a good one—for Houston. It seems however that they are up against the railroads this time in a serious manner. Last year it became necessary for the railroads to get ordinances passed to prohibit scalping before they would make rates.

The council promptly did the necessary. The ordinance was passed and the roads felt that they had accomplished something. They really thought that the city of Houston acted in good faith and that there would be no more scalping. They were in error.

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ABOUT THAT CARNIVAL.

The Enterprise has been asked a number of times about the progress that is being made in relation to holding a Carnival in Beaumont this Fall. We must confess that we know but little and it is our opinion that if the merchants are alive to their interests they will at once organize and start the good work. We should have a rice carnival by all means and there is not too much time in which to do the work. All other cities the size of Beaumont already have their plans made and are at work but here, nothing has been done. Let the organization be effected at once.

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TEXAS NOTES.

Jeff N. Miller, general manager of the St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico railroad, has given notice that no passengers or freight will be received for Brownsville for ten days to two weeks on account of the overflow from the Colorado River. All efforts are being made for the handling of mail and hopes are entertained that such efforts may prove successful.

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The State Blind Institute reports the largest attendance and enrollment in the history of the institution. The average 265 pupils actually in attendance and more arriving on every train, with many more children in sight as soon as the rush of gathering the crops is over, especially the cotton.

The school for the blind is occupying for the first time its magnificent new \$50,000 school building, and the children will receive better instruction and attention than ever before. It has been made thoroughly comfortable and healthy, there now being no cramped quarters, but on the contrary every thing is in almost perfect condition.

Last year, the greatest in the history of the school, the largest enrollment, got actual attendance, was 187 pupils.

District Attorney Moore of Austin, is out in a statement in which he says that he is going to close up the gambling houses. In other words he claims that he is going to stop gambling in Austin. He has held his present office for the past six years, and this is the first time he has ever said that he was going to succeed in this direction, although gambling has been going on all these years. He has just returned from a trip to the World's Fair and Waes, and states that if the evil can be quelled in Waes it can be done there.

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The Republicans are preparing to spring another sensation? If at least you don't succeed, cry, cry again.

Course congress is not in session but there is work that the citizens of Beaumont could perform right now that would materially hasten our advent to the deep water goal.

BEAUMONT, TEXAS, AND THE FAIR.

Members of the Enterprise staff—more than one, too, if you please—are among those who have been disappointed at the showing made by Beaumont at the World's Fair. The visitor entering the Texas building finds upon the walls thereof handsome pictures of Port Arthur and her attractive points. Houston has imported a lot of fruit, bottled or jarred and sent it to the exhibit in the historical building. Dallas, El Paso, Port Worth, Galveston, San Antonio, in fact every town and city of importance is remembered there. Port Arthur, however, attracts the stranger and gets the tip of the hat to the city by the way.

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Judge Parker, "Chill," the attorney in pension order Number 58, it was made plain that the president simply played politics and not statesmanship in his order that even the veterans must pause and ask of them selves, "Shall we take our positions from the questionable source—or shall we wait and get news from an above honest and true source?"

Governor Lathard perhaps deserves to talk, because he has grown accustomed to the idea that an office held or might as well thrown up the opportunity to try to stay at home and attend to his duties while the other fellow is making his campaign. That experience has been tried repeatedly and trouble has ensued. Of course the

governor has no fear in the present campaign but merely grew into the habit while he was attending in his work in congress and some fellow was at home making hot trails to get his office.

WE PLEAD GUILTY.

Beaumont possesses as many wealthy men as any city in Texas of a third greater population. These men of wealth are good business men and have accumulated that wealth honestly so far as the public knows and so far as the Enterprise believes. There are some of these men however who think that Beaumont ought to grow and flourish without their help, that the common people ought to hustle out and put up their small change to secure enterprises while they hold on to their real estate and watch it increase in value. When Beaumont was a sawmill town there was no such thing as the men of wealth shirking their responsibility. Col. W. A. Fletcher was a leader who carried the other men of wealth with him. He had valuable assistance from Captain William Weiss and Col. John N. Gilbert. They formed a trio that was equal to anything in the South. When they wanted something for Beaumont that cost \$50,000 they called the people together and said, "We need this for our town, you give \$20,000 and we'll give \$30,000." Their wealth did not represent three fifths of that of the city but they felt that they would get three fifths of the benefit and they were willing to shoulder their whole share. It is so entirely different now that the Enterprise feels that we must plead guilty to the following from the Port Arthur News.

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The men whose names the Enter-

prise has mentioned above are still more than willing to do their share in getting more for Beaumont but they very properly feel that the initiative is now due from some one else. There are men in Beaumont today who are three times as wealthy as those men were when that \$50,000 incident occurred but these men do not volunteer to invest a portion of their means to double the value of their property here and near by. We need factories here. They give employment to labor. Factories can be built here with a very small percentage of local capital and the investment need not be considered as lost either. There is money in the mean time Beaumont will jostle along, the people here will snooze unconsciously and we will have no big show to offer the people as evidence that our growth for a year has been more remarkable than that of Houston or any other city in the state. For two years or more the boom has been history—past history. Now if the city wants rates again and now is the winter of their discontent made glorious summer by the city council—if they stop that scalping. The roads however seem to want no mild mannered week day performance. They want them stopped for all time. Houston may stop them for all time but time will tell. In Beaumont when the same proposition was up the council promptly passed the ordinance and as promptly suppressed scalping and suppressed it permanently. Now if the city wants rates for something she is more likely to get them here. Houston may have a rough and rugged road and may lose her life—her grafting life. In the mean time Beaumont will jostle along, the people here will snooze unconsciously and we will have no big show to offer the people as evidence that our growth for a year has been more remarkable than that of Houston or any other city in the state. For two years or more the boom has been history—past history. Now if the city wants

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